

Shame on you FCC managers and supervisors.
Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their
stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days
before the election is a clear example of the dangers
of media consolidation. However, Sinclair
Broadcasting's refused to air the Dateline episode
that mentioned the soldiers fallen during this war.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and
is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But
when large companies control the airwaves, we get
more of what's good for the bottom line and less of
what we need for our democracy. Instead of
something produced at "News Central" far away, it's
more important that we see real people from our
own communities and more substantive news about
issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen
media ownership rules, not weaken them. You better
start protecting democracy, our rights as owners of
the airways. They show why the license renewal
process needs to involve more than a returned
postcard. Thank you.